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REMARKS

This is in response to the Quayle Action mailed December 17, 2003 (Paper No. 11) in which the Examiner allowed Claims 1-14, 16, and 18-21. Claims 22-32 were previously withdrawn without prejudice in response to a restriction requirement.

Please cancel without prejudice the withdrawn Claims 22-32. The Applicants anticipate that a Notice of Allowance will follow regarding Claims 1-14, 16, and 18-21. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims and any other previously unclaimed patentable subject matter in a properly filed continuation of this application.

The Applicants make technical corrections to Claims 14 and 21 without changing the substance of the claims. Claim 14 is amended to correct the order of the "first surface" and the "second surface" to match the manner in which those terms are used in the other claims. Claim 21 should depend from Claim 1 instead of Claim 16.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants consider Claims 1-14, 16, and 18-21 to be in condition for immediate allowance.

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